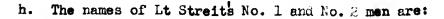
Colonel Sherrell called at 3:00 PM and dictated the following message:

"From CINFE, Tokyo, signed Ridgeway. Classified ALSTRISTED. To DA Wash DC for McAuliffe.

Part I The following information was received this date from Hq FEAT regarding failure of Lt treit to return on 1 January 1952 from a combat mission over Korea:

- a. Lt Streit called to his leader that he had been hit and would bail out. They were in the path of target and leader was approximately 2000 ft. behind Lt. Etreit.
- p. The leader was about 1500 ft behind Lt Streit when Streit's engine quit. When he put his air craft into a glide, Lt Streit was about 800ft. above ground. Lt Streit released the canopy and bailed out at about 500 ft. Leader saw parachute stream out but had not fully opened when he lost sight of Lt Streit. The ground was completely blanketed with snow. The terrain was hilly and rugged. The aircraft crached against a hill about 500 ft from base of hill.
- out nor did he see Lt Streit's parachute after he pulled up off the target.
- d. Fo. 1 and No. 2 men flew over the area at very low passes for approximately one hour when they were forced to leave because of low fuel.
- e. In the meantime, another flight had arrived in the area to assist with the search but they never saw Lt. treit or his parachute. Another air-craft on this particular flight was damaged and the pilot bailed out in the same area. He too was lost from flight.
- f. The heliocopter that was in the area was damaged and had to/continue the search.
 - g. Tocation. (Not mentioned for security reasons).



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Part II. No other information is available upon which to base evaluation of present status. Please inform Gen Streit that I will personally follow up and report on this case.

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Another message in the form of a query has been sent and additional information will probably be received soon.

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